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SUBJECT: GOM AND MEXICAN COMMUNISTS RESUME ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP

1. FOUR MONTHS AGO THE HEAD OF THE MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCM) WAS SEATED PROMINENTLY ON THE PLATFORM WHEN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA OPENED THE CHILE WAR CRIMES COMMISSION. IN CONTRAST, ON JUNE 22 THE PCM HELD A PUBLIC MEETING DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 15 MEXICAN WOMAH "POLITICAL PRISONERS." JOUR FILES INDICATE ELEVEN WERE ARRESTED FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITY; NO INFO ON OTHERS.) ONE PCM ORATOR LABELED THE GOM "DESPOTIC." AND FOR SEVERAL WEEKS PRESS HAS BEEN DOTTED WITH PCM COMPLAINTS OF POLICE HARASSMENT. WHY THE CHANGE?

2. OUR GUESS IS THAT THE GOM, AFTER TOYING SEVERAL MONTHS WITH THE IDEA, HAS DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER THE PCM (IN EXCHANGE FOR ITS SUPPORT IN THE JULY 1976 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS). OR, THE PCM MAY HAVE DECIDED THAT SUPPORT WOULD BE TOO DEAR A PRICE FOR REGISTRATION (WHICH COULD ALWAYS BE DISALLOWED), PARTICULARLY IF GOVERNMENT SECRETARY MOYA PALENCIA IS THE CANDIDATE OF THE RULING PARTY. (ACCORDING TO A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT, PCM LEADERSHIP TWO MONTHS AGO WAS OF THE OPINION MOYA WOULD BE THE PRI CANDIDATE.) REGISTRATION FOR THE PCM WOULD ALSO CONTAIN A DISAGREEABLE CATCH:

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NAMES, OCCUPATION, ADDRESSES, AND AGES OF ALL PCM MEMBERS

WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED.

3. WHICHEVER THE CASE, THE COZINESS OF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO
APPEARS TO BE OVER.
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